

PFM Field Inspection Conducted in Dinajpur District and Fulbari Upazila

A 22-member Public Financial Management (PFM) Field Inspection Team, headed by Dr. Md. Fardous Alom, Joint Secretary of the Finance Division, carried out a comprehensive field visit to Dinajpur District and Fulbari Upazila from May 20 to May 21, 2025.

This visit was conducted under the Strengthening Public Financial Management Program to Enable Service Delivery (SPFMS) of the Finance Division. The program aims to improve fiscal governance, enhance transparency, and ensure better utilization of public resources for effective service delivery.



The primary objectives of the inspection were- Assessment of Public

Service Delivery – Evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of government services provided at the district and upazila levels; Identification of Challenges – Understanding the difficulties and bottlenecks faced by local institutions in delivering services, including administrative, financial, and technical constraints; Stakeholder Engagement – Interacting with local government officials, service providers, and beneficiaries to gain first-hand insights into existing practices and their outcomes and Monitoring and Accountability – Reviewing how public financial management practices are being implemented and ensuring that government resources are being used properly.

Through this field inspection, the team sought to bridge the gap between policy formulation at the central level and implementation at the grassroots. The findings are expected to contribute to future reforms aimed at strengthening fiscal discipline, promoting transparency, and enhancing the quality of public services across the country.

Workshop in Dinajpur

As part of the planned activities, a Consultation Workshop on Public Financial Reform was held on May 20, 2025, at the office of the Deputy Commissioner in Dinajpur. Dr. Md. Fardous Alom attended the event as the Chief Guest. The workshop was presided over by Md. Rijaz Uddin, Deputy Director of Local Government, Dinajpur, and Dr. Md. Asif Ferdous, Civil Surgeon of Dinajpur attended as the Special Guest.



Dr. Abdur Rahim, Joint Secretary and Program Executive & Coordinator of the scheme Improving the Budget Process through Capacity Development of BMCs and BWGs under SPFMS, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the government's PFM reform initiatives. The session was moderated by Muhammad Ali Prince, Deputy Secretary and Senior Consultant for Training and Capacity Building at SPFMS, Finance Division.

Government officials from various departments in Dinajpur district participated in the workshop. They shared their experiences and challenges in public service delivery. The inspection team addressed these concerns and took notes for future action.

Workshop in Fulbari

On May 21, 2025, a similar Consultation Workshop was held at the office of the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) in Fulbari Upazila, with Dr. Md. Fardous Alom as Chief Guest. The workshop was chaired by UNO Md. Ishak Ali, with Dr. Md. Moshir Rahman, Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer, attending as the Special Guest.



Dr. Abdur Rahim once again provided an in-depth presentation on PFM reform initiatives. The session was moderated by Muhammad Ali Prince. Officials from various government departments in Fulbari Upazila attended and actively shared their service delivery experiences and challenges.

Field Visits

To complement the workshops, the 22-member PFM Field Inspection Team was divided into four inspection sub-groups along with one central coordination group. These groups were tasked with conducting in-depth visits to five key government institutions at both the district and upazila levels.

The institutions visited included:

- The Office of Social Welfare
- The Office of Women Affairs
- The Civil Surgeon's Office/Upazila Health Complexes
- The District/Upazila Accounts Office
- Two selected educational institutions (covering both schools and colleges)

During the visits, the inspection teams employed structured questionnaires to systematically collect data. Additionally, they carried out face-to-face interviews with various stakeholders. These included: Beneficiaries of social safety net programs (to assess the effectiveness and accessibility of welfare schemes); Students and teaching staff from schools and colleges (to evaluate educational services and learning environments) and Healthcare providers and patients at health complexes (to review the availability, quality, and responsiveness of health services)



The feedback gathered from these diverse groups provided valuable insights into how public services are functioning at the grassroots level. The exercise helped the team understand not only the strengths of the current system but also the practical challenges and bottlenecks that citizens face in accessing essential services.